

VOLUNTEER MONITORING INFORMATION SOURCES

California's Directory of Volunteer Monitoring Organizations

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Designed to identify community groups in Califronia that are monitoring aquatic resources such as: creeks, rivers, bays, lakes, estuaries, and ocean waters. Intended to increase communication between the community groups of California so that groups might learn from one another's successes and challenges.

Riparian Station How-to Manual

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Designed to help interested individuals start up a volunteer monitoring group. Addresses key issues which challenge groups as they establish and maintain riparian stations in their watersheds. Not intended as a "cookbook" guide to starting a Riparian Station. (\$5.00)

Volunteer Monitoring Protocols

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Lists protocols available for California monitoring. Intended to assist local groups in understanding key elements of their surrounding environment. Some of the protocols included are for rainfall, water quality, low flow profile, vegetation resources, birds, reptiles/amphibians, and macroinvertebrates. Each protocol includes the steps involved and the value and constraints of the data. For each protocol, sample sheets are included to promote consistency in data management. (\$5.00)